

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA**

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| IN THE MATTER OF |) |
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| APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULE |) |
| |) Case No. |
| AMENDMENTS FOR |) |
| |) |
| NEWTON COUNTY |) |

**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO
NEWTON COUNTY LOCAL RULES**

The judges of the Newton Circuit and Superior courts request the approval of amendments to the Newton County Local Rules. Specifically, this includes Newton County Local Rule LR-56-7, concerning special judge assignments pursuant to Ind. Trial Rule 79, Newton County Local Rule LR-56-8, concerning the assignment of criminal cases and selection of special judges under Ind. Criminal Rule 2.2, and Newton County Local Rule LR-56-11, concerning court reporters serving the Newton County courts.

Upon examination of the proposed amendments requested by Newton County, and specifically the amendments to Newton County Local Rule LR-56-7, this Court finds that Newton County Local Rule LR-56-7 complies with the requirements of Trial Rule 79(H), and, accordingly, should be approved. This Court further finds that Newton County Local Rule 56-8 complies with the requirements of Ind. Criminal Rule 2.2, and, accordingly, should be approved. Finally, this Court further finds that Newton County Local Rule LR-56-11 meets the requirements of Ind. Administrative Rule 15, and, accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that the Newton County Local Rule LR-56-7, set forth as an attachment to this Order, be exempted from the requirements of Ind. Trial

Rule 81, and be approved, effective December 31, 2004.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that the Newton County Local Rule LR-56-8, set forth as an attachment to this Order, be exempted from the requirements of Ind. Trial Rule 81, and be approved, effective December 31, 2004.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that the Newton County Local Rule LR-56-11, set forth as an attachment to this Order, be exempted from the requirements of Ind. Trial Rule 81, and be approved, effective December 31, 2004.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Honorable Jeryl F. Leach, Newton Circuit Court, to the Honorable Daniel J. Molter, Newton Superior Court and to the Clerk of the Newton Circuit and Superior Courts.

The Clerk of the Newton Circuit and Superior Courts is directed to place a copy of this Order in the Record of Judgments and Orders for all courts of record in Newton County and to post this Order for public examination.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this _____ day of January, 2005.

Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana